

# The Daily Courant.

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The following Account of the Battle of Ramellies, istaken from the *Mercure Galant*, printed at Paris, for the Month of May.

**T**IS rare for 2 Armies to desire equally to come to an Engagement; one is generally weaker than the other, and the strongest often has Reason to avoid fighting. But the contrary has happen'd in Brabant: Both Armies have at the same Time shewn an equal Desire to Fight; and march'd at once purposely to meet each other and joyn Battle. 'Tis certain however, that the Army of the 2 Crowns was inferior in Number to that of the Allies by at least 8000 Men. The latter had receiv'd their last Reinforcements, and several Letters say they were joyn'd by some Troops the very Evening before the Battle. The Marshal de Marfin with the Detachment he led from Germany had not joyn'd our Army; and tho' he was come pretty near, the Ardour the Troops shew'd for fighting induc'd our Generals to resolve not to delay offering Battle. Perhaps it was not possible for them to get true Intelligence of the Superiority of the Enemy, Artifices being generally us'd on both sides on such Occasions to conceal their real Strength from each other. Having begun with mentioning the Superiority of the Enemy, I must take Notice that the News Papers printed in Holland say falsely that the Army of the 2 Crowns was superior by 14000 Men; the Fact being manifestly otherwise. At the same time the Writers of those News Papers, contrary to their usual Custom, have done Justice to the French, by saying that they fought like Lyons; and that if their Loss was inconceivable, that of the Allies was pretty great. And since they have given me Occasion to speak of the extreme Valour of our Troops; before I enter upon the Particulars I am at present able to give you, I think it proper to add, that I have seen Letters which advise, that my Lord Marlborough said after the Battle, that having seen the French fight in the Manner they had done, he was sure that with Thirty thousand such Men, he could go to the End of the World.

The Two Armies approaching each other in Battallia, there was a Village between our Left Wing and the Enemy's Right; it was thought fit by our Generals to let the Enemy attack that Village which was provided with all things necessary for a vigorous Resistance. They had Two Reasons for this; one was that the Enemy might waste some of their Strength in attacking that Village, and even discompose their Order; the other was, that should the Left Wing of our Army have advanc'd to cover it, they must have quitted Ground that was very advantageous for fighting, for they were secur'd by an unpassable Morass and a hollow Way. I will not enter into a particular Account of the Villages that were taken and retaken, before it came to a

general Engagement; 'tis sufficient to say that the taking and retaking of these Posts, which were the Cause the Troops of both Armies made 6 several Attacks, cost the Enemy a great Number of Men, because those Attacks may be said to be so many little Sieges, the Allies having in one of them employ'd 12 Pieces of Cannon and 20 Battalions. Our Foot did Wonders in all those little Sieges; and therefore for an Hour and a half we thought the Victory was ours, and the Enemy thought so too. An infinite Number of Actions extraordinary and of the utmost Bravery, were perform'd in these Attacks and Defences; and I hope next Month to give you an Account of all those that signaliz'd themselves that Day. I proceed now to the general Engagement: The Disposition of our Army being such, that our Left Wing could neither act nor be attack'd, on the Right were plac'd all the Troops of the King's Household, supported by 8 Brigades of Horse; and 'twas not question'd that seeing our Left Wing could not be attack'd, all the Efforts of the Enemy would fall upon the Right. My Lord Marlborough who knew that was the Post of the King's Household, and who was acquainted with the Valour and Intrepidity of those Troops, had taken his Precautions accordingly, and reserv'd a Body of Troops to strengthen his Left Wing, which was to act against our Right. He did more, for when he found our Left Wing could not engage with his Right, he drew 14000 Men from that side and with them reinforc'd his Left, and that he might not want Ground he left no Intervals between his Lines. We are inform'd that Lord said, that he knew the Troops of the King's Household so well, and what they were capable of doing, that he judg'd it proper to oppose six Men to their one. It is not to be wonder'd at after this, that his Majesty's Household were forc'd to give Ground and yield to superior Force, on the contrary 'tis surprizing they durst sustain the Fight, and we could not at all reproach them had they retir'd without fighting, to preserve so considerable a Body. But they made the Conqueror buy his Victory dear, for it cost him 6 of his best Regiments of Horse, among them that of the blue Guards.

The two Troops of Mousquetaires shew'd on this Occasion, that Valour does not require full grown Bodies; those who by reason of their Youth, seem'd to want Force to hold out a long Fight, appear'd unwearied to the last; and tho' they had not Experience, few of them having seen a Battle before, yet their being accusom'd to military Exercises, (in which those two Corps are so well instructed,) made them to be as little discompos'd in the Action, as if they had been in many Battles.

The Gendarmes, and the Light Horse, shew'd they were accusom'd to conquer, and that Danger could not move them. They did Wonders, in giving Proofs of their Experience, their extreme Valour and their Intrepidity; and were all determin'd to perish in the Field, as many of them did, had they

they not been convinc'd at last that Reason requir'd they should yield to Superior Force, and save themselves for the King's Service.

The Garucs du Corps distinguish'd themselves likewise, and return'd several Times to the Charge, which occasion'd the intire Loss almost of the Marshal de Boufflers's Troop. Their Officers especially, as well as those of the Mousquetaires, the Gendarmes, and the Light-Horse, perform'd Actions of Valour that surpass all Imagination; and had they not defended themselves with obstinate Courage, the number of those that were kill'd would not have been so great.

I say nothing of the Grenadiers of the King's Household, who always distinguish'd themselves; and did so on this Occasion, following the Example they had before their Eyes, as did also the Brigades of Horse that supported the Household Troops. And here I cannot forbear mentioning Collonel Courcillon, Son of the Marquis de Dangeau: He is so Young, that several Letters which I have seen, say *that little Boy was seen every where*. He charg'd Thrice at the Head of his Regiment, had a Horse kill'd under him, and receiv'd a Cut in his Head, but had the good Fortune to kill him that gave him the Wound, which is but slight. He sav'd his Standards and Kettle-Drums. The Count de Nill, his Lieutenant Colonel and Brigadier of the King's Armies, was dangerously wounded and taken Prisoner.

All these Corps that compos'd the Right Wing, being oblig'd to retire, because they were overpowered, and would have been cut off every Man of them had they obstinately stood any longer, were forc'd in their Retreat by 2 Battallions of the Elector of Bavaria's Troops, and by that Elector's Company of French Grenadiers commanded by M. d. Colonie, which did surprizing things on this Occasion, as did also the 2 Battallions I have just mention'd.

Tho' I defer till next Month to speak of those Officers that distinguish'd themselves most, I cannot help telling you now, that the Court rings with the Praises given the Duke of Guiche, who charg'd several times with the Regiment of Guards, which did prodigious Actions, as did also that of the Swiss Guards. Several Letters say the Duke de Villeroy distinguish'd himself very eminently likewise.

This is the best Account I can give you at present, referring to my next for a more orderly Relation: When I hope to give you likewise a perfect List of the Officers we had kill'd and wounded. 'Tis no Shame to own our Loss was great, since the Victory cost the Enemy so dear; for there is Ground to believe they lost more Men than we, their Loss being very great in the several Attacks that were made before our Right Wing was broken. And besides it may be said that Wing did not suffer so much in the Fight as in their Retreat, because of the Disorder occasion'd by the difficult Roads through which they retir'd.

**A**T the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Saturday, being the 22d of June, will be presented a Comedy, call'd, *The Northern Lass*, or, *The Nest of Fools*. All the chief Parts play'd to the best Advantage, viz.

Bullfinch	} by {	Mr. Elcourt.
Squire		Mr. Johnson.
Widgeon		Mr. Bullock.
How d'ye		Mr. Cibber.
Nonfence		Mr. Norris.

With a Masque set to Musick by the late Mr. Henry Purcell, perform'd originally in the Play of *Timon of Athens*. And several new Sonnets on the Violin by a Schollar of Signior Gasperini's, and Dancing by Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Evans, and others. And on Tuesday next being the 25th of June, will be presented an Opera, call'd, *Artione Queen of Syros*. All sung after the Italian manner. Mrs. Tofts performing her own part. With Entertainments of Dancing by Monsieur Cherrier and Miss Sanjow his Schollar, and also by Mrs. Evans taught by Monsieur Siris. Being the last time of performing the said Opera this Summer.

This Play is sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott Next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

**Lost Yesterday the 21st Instant in the Evening**, between the Hours of 7 and 8, betwixt Smithfield and Holborn-Bar, a Silver Minute Pendulum Watch low built, the Name Jonathan Chambers. Whoever brings it to Mr. John Collins Watch-maker in the Old-Baily, shall have a Guinea Reward.

**Lost at Diapers-Hall, the 19th of this Instant** June, out of a Ring, one Rose Diamond of a perfect Oval, well spread, of a good Water, a very small touch of the Blue, and clean, weighing about 5 Grains. If any such be offer'd to be sold, pawn'd or valued, pray stop it, and give notice to Mr. William Nash, Jeweller in Princes-street, near Stocks-Market, and you shall have 5 Guinea Reward.

**Lost on Wednesday, the 19th Instant, in the Evening**, in or near York-Building, a large English Red and White Land Spaniel, having a large Red spot cross his Back reaching down each Side, and covering part of his near Shoulder, a spot on his Rump covering part of his Tail, both sides of his Head and Ears Red, with a grizzly Face, the hair of his Tail cut close with a tuft at the end, and has a running occasion'd by an over-train. Whoever gives notice of him so that he be had again to Mr. Bacon at his Coffee-House in Cornhill, or to Sarah's Coffee-House in St. Martin's lane, shall have a Guinea Reward.

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**Stolen or Stray'd out of the Grounds of Mr. Hart** at High-gate, on Wednesday the 12th Inst. a bright Bay Mare, full aged, 14 hands high, a Star in her Forehead scarce discernable, and her Maine hangs on the Left side, with several White spots on each side below her Saddle place, and also a small Scar upon her Chest, Trots and Gallops all. Whoever discovers her to as in may be had again to the aforesaid Mr. Hart, or Mr. W. Hufcroft at the Coach and Horses in Wood street, London, shall receive 10 s. Reward and reasonable Charges.

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